

**Favorite Artist:** An amateur photographer myself, I have much respect for those who pioneered this field and in turn enacted social change inspired by the locations and events captured in their art. Ansel Adams, a close friend and advisor, was a true visionary in his efforts and I was honored to have gained his confidence and approval regarding my own environmental efforts. In my first state assembly campaign, I had the pleasure of working closely with Ansel Adams and I greatly appreciated his foresight in preserving our nation's scenery for future generations. I encourage you to explore his collection of photographs and celebrate the timeless beauty of the images.

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(Photos of Manzanar Internment Camp)

**Favorite Experience:** The most formative experience of my life was serving in the Peace Corps in Colombia from 1964-1966. While in Colombia, I had the pleasure of educating members of the community on the value of petitioning their government to get valuable resources. Though I brought the knowledge of our modern political system, I was forever enlightened by their will and dedication to improving their own community. I have since carried this experience and insight with me through more than twenty-five years of public service. I encourage you to investigate this as an option to enhance your own life.



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